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April 10, 2018

The Honorable Mark Ozias, Chair Clallam County Board of Commissioners 223 East 4th Street, Suite 4 Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Commissioner Ozias:

Olympic National Park has been a major supporter and partner of the Olympic Discovery Trail since the project was initiated in the early 1990s.

The National Park Service published the "Lake Crescent Management Plan" in 1998. The plan recommended that the Spruce Railroad Trail be improved as a non-motorized multisue trail. An agreement between Olympic National Park (ONP) and Clallam County signed in June 2005 and again in April 2015, outlines park objectives and commitments, including connecting trail within ONP with the regional trail system, extending and upgrading the Spruce Railroad Trail to multi-use standards, and operating and maintaining the trail within the ONP boundary following construction.

Olympic National Park intends to maintain the upgraded and extended Spruce Railroad Trail, a segment of the Olympic Discovery Trail within ONP boundaries, to a level that supports the intended user groups for a minimum period of 30 years. This specifically includes the upcoming work on Segment B of the trail, as well the paving of all segments.

Sincerely,

M. Sarah Creachbaum

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Superintendent